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report on the Northern Command Tank Units Organization in Hungary whose headquarters were situated at Gyöngyös (47-47 N; 19-56 E). The report contains fairly detailed information on the tank unit stationed in Nagygombos (47-41 N; 19-41 E), one of the subordinate units of the Northern Command.

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1. [REDACTED]

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tank unit based at NAGYGOMBOS near HATVAN. The unit was commanded by a major, and consisted of 30 T.34's. The unit was housed in permanent barracks  $3\frac{1}{2}$  - 4 kilometres north of HATVAN, close to the eastern side of the road leading to SALGOTARJAN, and immediately south of the village of NAGYGOMBOS. There is a large collective farm in the area.

2. The unit at NAGYGOMBOS formed part of the Northern Command of armoured units. [REDACTED] the commands of other units, e.g., infantry, artillery, etc., would necessarily coincide with that of the armoured units). Command HQ was at GYONGYOS. (The Command HQ's for other arms in the area are not known, but they are not at GYONGYOS).

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3. The GYONGYOS HQ was housed in a large barracks in the centre of the town. It was equipped with radio in order to communicate with subordinate units. These consisted of :-

- (a) NAGYGOMBOS 30 tanks (this unit was running on a minimum, i.e., peace-time, establishment).
- (b) ABASAR 70 tanks.
- (c) VERPELET Probably about 30 tanks (also on a peace-time establishment).
- (d) ASZOD Number of tanks unknown.

GYONGYOS HQ. also had a few tanks.

4. Until 1954 there were Russian "advisers" attached to the HQ and also to the subordinate units. After that date there was only one, a major, who was based on the HQ but went around visiting the other units about once a week.

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7. The NAGYGOMBOS unit had 60 - 70 service vehicles as well as its 30 tanks. They included all kinds of maintenance and repair vehicles enabling the unit to carry out practically all kinds of repairs. Tankers are also included in that total.

8. The commander of the NAGYGOMBOS unit was <sup>Major</sup> KIS, Sandor. Although a communist, KIS refused to hand over his tanks when ordered to do so by the Russians during the revolution. He ordered them to disperse into wooded country and then disappeared himself.

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